

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/456,127

Examiner

Steven P Sax

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment 4/19/2004 and Examiner's amendment 7/8/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,8,9,12-14,20-25,27-30 and 45-57.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 December 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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STEVEN SAX
PRIMARY EXAMINER

1/10/04

DETAILED ACTION

- 1, This application has been examined.
2. The amendment filed 4/19/04 has been entered.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. This was made to cancel out the unallowable claims 36-37, 39, 41-44. This is in addition to the amendment entered 4/19/04. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Please cancel claims 36-37, 39, 41-44.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Gary Fedorochko on 7/8/04.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendment filed 4/19/04 adds the necessary features to render claim 57 allowable. The Examiner's amendment filed 7/8/04 cancels the claims that were still unallowable (36-37, 39, 41-44). Invention is a novel method for triggering a user modifiable visual indicator for bookmarking a document using a graphical

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user interface, in response to a selection device pointing to a specific part of the document. When a signal is received indicative of the selection device pointing to the desired part of the document, a visual indicator representative of the bookmark is displayed specifically with the desired part of the document but still atleast partially outside of the document. The bookmark object represented by the visual indicator is generated, having user modifiable properties corresponding to the visual indicator. The prior art shows electronic and graphical bookmarking systems, such as Bates et al, which stages and promotes bookmarks, but even this is directed more towards websites as opposed to a desired part within a given document or a given web page. Even other prior art that would be directed to a desired part of a given document, such as annotation related art, does not show the combination of features of the present invention with the user modifiable properties of the bookmark object further in combination with the feature of automatically displaying the visual indicator and generating the bookmark object in response to the selection device pointing to the desired part of the document. This adds flexibility to the bookmarking ability. The combined features of the independent claims (1 amended – method, 20 amended - computer readable medium, 57 amended – the method showing two bookmark objects) are not set forth in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

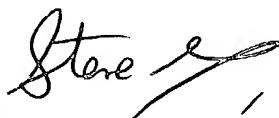
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is 703-305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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